

**U.S. EMBASSY HAITI
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement
2013 STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE
FOR STUDENT LEADERS ON PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) is seeking candidates for the 2013 Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Public Policy and Government Leadership. This institute will take place from June 22 through August 3, 2013 and is designed for foreign undergraduate students interested in the topic of Public policy and government leadership in the United States. Up to five scholarships are available for Haitian students. All application should be submitted to the Bureau of Public Affairs via e-mail at papculture@state.gov by **midnight Monday January 15, 2013.**

Program Overview

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) for Student Leaders are intensive academic programs whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The Institute consists of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. Educational travel to other parts of the United States, local site visits, and volunteer opportunities will complement the coursework and classroom activities.

The institute will examine how organizations, the media, and the private sector influence government policy. Within the broader frame of the public policy process, students will be exposed to specific public policy questions on topics such as public finance, rule of law, education, public health, environment, and foreign policy. All participants will spend at least two weeks in Washington D.C. where they will have the opportunity to meet with public policy professionals and federal government officials.

All participant costs, including program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, book, cultural activities, mailing and incidental allowances, housing and subsistence are covered by the program.

Candidate Qualifications

Qualified candidate for this program will be highly motivated first through third year undergraduate students from colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher education, who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities. Candidates nominated for this program should

- ❖ Be proficient in English
- ❖ Be interested in the topic of Public Policy and Government
- ❖ Be between 18 and 25 years of age
- ❖ Have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies, and therefore be committed to return to their home universities following completion of the program.
- ❖ Have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- ❖ Demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university and community activities
- ❖ Demonstrate commitment to community and extracurricular university activities

How to apply?

To apply for the program, applicants must request and submit the completed application form to papculture@state.gov).

Hard copies of the following documents must be submitted:

1. Two letters of recommendation from teachers/professors;
2. Official transcripts for years of university study (with notarized English translations)
3. First year students must submit official transcripts for years of high school study (with English translation)

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